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Changes

1. This CT issues new updates to 10 FAM 120. References were updated; paragraph e was added to 10 FAM 121.1; and other minor updates were made.
2. **Change Transmittal** has replaced the term, Transmittal Letter. Change Transmittal was selected as being more appropriate in this age of electronic information transmission. The FAM volume's transmittal acronym and numerical series remains in place.
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